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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 676
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Ricky Richards and the 1997-1998 Grundy County High School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State tournament.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize those athletic teams whose outstanding accomplishments are a source of pride for their school and community; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary squad is the 1997-1998 Grundy County High School girls' basketball team, which recently won the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Grundy County showed early signs of fame, winning the regular season District 8 AA title with an unblemished 10-0 mark; and

WHEREAS, this tremendously talented team next won the coveted District 8 AA Tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition the Lady Yellow Jackets finished runner-up at the Region 4 Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in a hard-fought substate game Grundy County bested Harriman 63-59; and

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WHEREAS, in the TSSAA Class AA State Tournament, the Yellow Jackets stung the opposition, stopped the Daniel Boone High School Trailblazers 53-33, defeated the McMinn High School Cherokees 49-33, and tamed the Livingston Academy Wildcats 43-38; and

WHEREAS, Grundy County successfully utilized an aggressive man-to-man defense in winning its first state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Jackets completed the season with an impressive 30-6 overall record, an enviable winning percentage of .830; and

WHEREAS, as a follow-up to last season's 27-0 record, highly regarded Head Coach Ricky Richards and assistant coaches James Ladd and Russell Fugate have done an outstanding job this season; and

WHEREAS, the members of the squad include: seniors, Julie Miller, who was named State Tournament Most Valuable Player, Amanda Gallagher, Kasey Woodlee, and Devon Land; and juniors Teri Winton and Mandy Gallagher; sophomores, Courtney Cunningham, Kim Richards, Alice VanHooser, Stephanie Yarworth, and Ashley Rollins; and freshman, Abi Ramsey; and

WHEREAS, the diligent and dedicated managers were Falon Marler, Ashley Phipps, and Jessica Ladd; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this talented group of athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Head Coach Ricky Richards and the 1997-1998 Grundy County High School girls' basketball team extending to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.